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GENEVA FOR USDEL ITU WMARC

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1. DEPT CONCURS THAT MATTER IS NOT WITHIN COMPETENCE OF WARC AND THAT SHOULD BE USDEL'S INITIAL RESPONSE IN EVENT ISSUE RAISED IN PLENARY. IF PRESSED, USE POINTS IN PARA 4 BELOW.

2. THE 1903 TREATY BETWEEN PANAMA AND UNITED STATES GRANTS TO UNITED STATES USE, OCCUPATION AND CONTROL OF PANAMA CANAL ZONE, INCLUDING ALL RIGHTS WHICH U.S. WOULD POSSESS AND EXERCISE IF IT WERE THE SOVEREIGN". IN THE VIEW OF THE U.S., 1903 TREATY CONSTITUTES SUFFICIENT UNCLASSIFIED

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LEGAL BASIS FOR PRESENT PRACTICE OF USE OF A DISTINCT

SYMBOL (PNZ) FOR DESIGNATING U.S.-CONTROLLED RADIO STATIONS IN CANAL ZONE.

3. THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATION OF NEW TREATY RESPECTING THE PANAMA CANAL ON BASIS OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AGREED UPON BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FOREIGN MINISTER TACK FEBRUARY 7, 1974. THOSE NEGOTIATIONS ARE LIKELY TO ENCOMPASS, INTER ALIA, SUCH JURISDICTIONAL MATTERS AS DESIGNATION OF RADIO STATION SYMBOLS IN CANAL ZONE.

4. USDEL SHOULD ATTEMPT TO AVOID GETTING INTO LENGTHY DEBATE, STATING SIMPLY THAT: (1) THE USG BELIEVES THAT USE OF DISTINCT SYMBOL FOR U.S.-OPERATED RADIO STATIONS IN CANAL ZONE IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH 1903 TREATY, AND (2) THE MATTER OF ASSIGNMENT OF RADIO STATION SYMBOLS IN CANAL ZONE IS ONE OF THOSE ISSUES INCLUDED WITHIN SCOPE OF CURRENT TREATY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PANAMA AND U.S., AND WE BELIEVE CAN BE MOST EFFECTIVELY DEALT WITH IN CONTEXT OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. RUSH

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